

II. INVENTIONS ARE ALLEGEDLY DISTINCT

The Office required restriction between claims 1 and 10-33 (Invention I), drawn to a computer-based method for identifying chemical compounds, classified in class 702, subclass 22; and claims 34-36 (Invention II), drawn to a computer-based method for identifying biological compounds, classified in class 702, subclass 20.

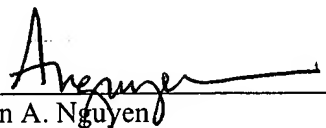
The Office indicated that the inventions are distinct, each from the other because inventions 1 and 2 are unrelated. Further, the Office indicated that the inventions have different functions and effects, and therefore, have acquired separate status in the art and recognized divergent subject matter. Applicants deferentially accept that position in making this election without traverse. Applicants are not, however, making a legal determination as to the Office's restriction between Inventions I and II regarding "distinct inventions" because the claims are "drawn to different functions and effects."

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, claims 1 and 10-33 are pending upon acceptance of this response. Applicants respectfully submit that this application, and claims 1 and 10-33, are in condition for examination by the Office. If the Office requires any clarification or further information regarding the foregoing, Examiner Siu is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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